

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MARCH 7th, 1929

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, Annapolis, on March 7th, 1929.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
John M. Dennis, Treasurer

On motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1927, Chapter 666, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News, the first insertion to bear date of May 13th, 1929 and the last insertion to bear date of June 7th, 1929, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 12th day of June, 1929, bids for \$125,000 bonds to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, for five percentum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 12th day of June, 1929. *Morgan College Loan of 1929*

Said bonds shall be dated the 1st day of July, 1929, and they shall bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{4}$ per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July, respectively, during the continuance of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 1st day of July, 1929. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

Bill of the Union Trust Company of February 4th, 1929 to the Board of Public Works for work of remodelling the offices occupied by the State Auditor at 901 and 902 Union Trust Building, Baltimore, amounting to \$658.00, was presented to the Board. The bill was ordered paid out of the contingent fund of the Board.

Communications from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles asking for authority to abate certain claims against former Justices of the Peace were presented to the Board. After considering the claims the Board acted on the several claims as follows:

George W. Richardson, Justice of Peace, Bel Air, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$258.45.

William A. Le Brun, Justice of Peace, Dundalk, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$100.00.

Robert Coursey, Justice of Peace, Centreville, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$326.00, provided he remits \$460.00 to take care of balance charged to him.

W. H. McGinnis, Justice of Peace, Glen Burnie, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$45.00.

Louder T. Hearne, Justice of Peace, Salisbury, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$2.00.

M. Tilghman Johnston, Justice of Peace, Easton, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$137.00.

F. N. Holland, Justice of Peace, Crisfield, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$106.00.

P. B. Otterback, Justice of Peace, Lanham, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$10.00

Harry Andrest, Justice of Peace, Glen Burnie, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$50.00

T. Rodney Jones, Justice of Peace, Salisbury, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$443.00, provided he remits \$50.00 to take care of balance charged to him.

W. S. Powell, Justice of Peace, Salisbury, Md.
Abate claims against him to extent of \$1,923.00, provided he remits \$467.00 to take care of balance charged to him.

The Comptroller took up with the Board the matter of a discrepancy in the working fund of the Conservation Department. The said Department received from the State Treasury Department on June 10th, 1916, \$500.00, on November 26th, 1916, \$500.00 and on May 14th, 1918, \$1,000.00, making a total of \$2,000.00 as a petty cash or working fund. There is a discrepancy in that fund of \$200.42 due to the fact that several years ago employees to whom money had been advanced from the fund for expenses had not accounted to the Department for all of the expenses advanced to them and that it has been impossible for the Department to get a settlement from the former employees. After considering the matter the Board of Public Works authorized the Comptroller to reimburse the Conservation Department to the extent of \$200.42 to the end that the working fund of \$2,000.00 may be restored.

The Board formally approved the action of the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer in purchasing securities for the investment accounts of the State Accident Fund and the University of Maryland fund, as follows:-

State Accident Fund

4th Liberty Loan, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % bonds- - - - - \$50,000.00
Washington Suburban Sanitary District,
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, Series S, 30 to 50 year Bonds, 1978,
Nos. 1/50 (\$1,000. ea.) (May and Nov.
coupons)- - - - - \$50,000.00
Salisbury Water and Sewer Extension Bonds,
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, due Jan. 1, 1944, Nos. 1-B/25-B
(\$1,000. ea.) (Jan. & July coupons)- - - - - \$25,000.00

University of Maryland

Salisbury Water and Sewer Extension Bonds,
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, due Aug. 1, 1931, Nos. 1/6 (\$1,000 ea)- \$6,000.00
Baltimore City Stock, Harbor Serial Loan,
4%, due Oct. 1, 1952, Certificate No. 552- -\$39,000.00

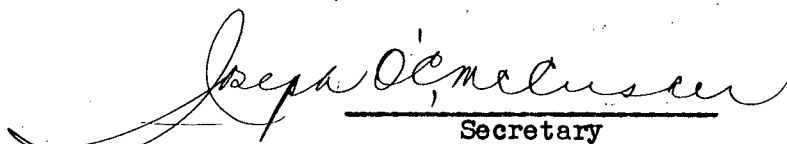
The Board formally approved the authority given to J. Knox Insley, Commissioner of Labor and Statistics sometime ago to execute a lease for office space for his Department in the building at # 16 W. Saratoga Street, Baltimore, at a rental of \$4,000.00 a year.

The Board formally approved the execution of a deed dated November 11th, 1928, from the State Roads Commission and the Board of Public Works to James A. Golden, covering two ~~roads~~^{lots} or parcels of land in Allegany County formerly being a part of the road bed of what is known as the National Pike, in exchange for a right of way from Mr. Golden to the State on account of re-location of that portion of the National Highway where the same passes through Allegany County.

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The Board authorized the Secretary to secure prices and data in connection with the engraving of bonds to be authorized by the Legislature of 1929.

* There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary

* The Comptroller presented to the Board correspondence in connection with a claim of the State against Ralph W. Young, Sheriff of Allegany County, for the term December 1, 1924 to December 1, 1927, for \$1727.00 representing fees due the State. Mr. Young had denied the State was entitled to the fees, claiming that an Act of the Legislature of 1902 gave him the right to retain the fees in question.

The Attorney General entered suit in the Circuit Court for Allegany County against Mr. Young, which case was decided in favor of the State of Maryland. The opinion of Judge Doub recites that he was bound by previous decisions of the Court of Appeals in deciding the case in favor of the State, but that without that precedent having governed him he would have decided in favor of Mr. Young.

Honorable William C. Walsh addressed a letter to the Comptroller asking that the State compromise the claim against Mr. Young in view of the fact that Mr. Young was acting under an Act of the Legislature which had been in effect twenty-five years, under which Act other sheriffs had acted and retained fees the same as Mr. Young had done, and because of the feelings of Judge Doub in the matter.

After considering all the facts in the case the Board authorized the Comptroller to settle the case by accepting \$500.00 from Mr. Young, if Mr. Young was agreeable to paying that amount, to close the matter.

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The Comptroller took up with the Board a communication received from the National Surety Company, in which it was suggested that that company would write a blanket bond protecting the State against financial losses arising through the alteration of negotiable papers, such as checks, drafts, State Treasury warrants, notes, etc. This matter was referred to Mr. Dennis for investigation and report.